REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT-RELATED PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON HOME AFFAIRS

SHRI SOM PAL (Uttar Pradesh): Madam, I present the Thirty-sixth Report (in English and Hindi) of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs on the "insurgency situation in the North-eastern region".

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT-RELATED PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI (West Bengal): Madam, I lay on the Table, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Eighth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Agriculture on the action taken on the recommendations contained in the Thirty-eighth Report of the Committee regarding National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas relating to the Ministry of Agriculture (Department of Agriculture and Cooperation).

MOTION FOR ELECTION TO THE NATIONAL SHIPPING BOARD

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): Madam, I move the following Motion:—

"That in pursuance of Clause (a) of sub-section (2) of Section 4 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 (44 of 1958), read with sub-rule (1) of rule 4 of the National Shipping Board Rules, 1960 this House do proceed to elect, in such manner as the Chairman may direct, two Members from among the members of the house to be members of the National Shipping Board."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

RE. DEMAND TO BRING THE BILL ON RESERVATION FOR WOMEN

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I have to inform the hon. Members....

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY (Andhra Pradesh): Madam, I want to raise a matter of urgent importance. Just one week back India hosted a large conference where several nations met in India and a consensus was arrived at.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I know.

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Before the IPU.... (*Interruptions*). I am talking about 50 per cent of the population. It is a matter of national importance. (*Interruptions*). This House is witness to assurances given by several responsible people with regard to 33 per cent reservation for women.

SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES (Goa): The Bill is before the Select Committee. (*Interruptions*).

SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA (Karnataka): The report of the Select Committee is there... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: It is not even listed in the list of business. This just shows how deep is the reservation and bias... (*Interruptions*)....

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA (Karnataka): Let them decide who should speak first... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: You don't have to worry about that... (*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I would be happy, Mr. Hanumanthappa, if you spoke on it... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: I want to speak provided they allow me... (*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I allow you to speak...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: You are not allowed to